

UNFPA Response in Yemen

MONTHLY SITUATION REPORT



Displaced women from Hodeidah receive RRM kits after arriving in Aden ©UNFPA YEMEN

FAST FACTS



22.2M
In need of some form of assistance



11.3M
In acute need



16.4M
Lack access to basic health services



12.9M
In need of protection



3.0M
Internally displaced and returnees



3.25M
Women of reproductive age (15-49 yrs)



1.1M
Pregnant women malnourished



48%
Women and girls illiterate

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH

Yemen remains the **world's largest humanitarian crisis**. Marked economic deterioration, symptomized by the depreciation of the Yemeni Rial by some 30 per cent was witnessed between August and September 2018, compounded by the unprecedented increase in the price of fuel. An additional 3.5 to 5.6 million people are estimated to be added to the 8 million already severely food insecure as a result.

United Nations-led consultations on a peace process with representatives from Yemeni parties were scheduled to take place on 6 September 2018 in Geneva. However, the consultations were called off after 3 days following the lack of representation by all parties to the conflict at the consultation. The Special Envoy to Yemen is pressing ahead for formal consultations to commence in the coming months.

A High-level event during the 73rd General Assembly entitled 'Protecting the health and rights of women and girls affected by conflict: Focus on Yemen and South Sudan' led by UNFPA and co-sponsored by Denmark, the European Union, South Sudan, the United Kingdom and Yemen, shone a spotlight on the plight of women and girls whose lives have been upended by conflict – particularly in Yemen, and announcement of commitments to provide increased support to improve the health, well-being, and protection of conflict-affected women and adolescent girls.

UNFPA's response in Yemen has reached more than half a million people to date, with continued expansion in coverage and size of operations. This includes increasing the number of safe spaces from 4 to 12 by end of the year, support to nearly 200 health facilities, construction of maternity units and distribution of some 200,000 dignity kits across conflict-affected areas in the country.

UNFPA RESPONSE IN AL HUDAYDAH

UNFPA provides assistance at the first line of response through Humanitarian Service Points and transit centres by way of dignity kits and through a range of reproductive health and protection services. Services and supplies provided at humanitarian hubs in Al Hudaydah, Aden, Ibb and Sana'a are detailed below:

AL HUDAYDAH HUB

- 15,620 **dignity kits** provided to displaced persons in transit centers and humanitarian service points as part of the Rapid Response Mechanism.
- UNFPA-supported teams of social workers at **protection desks** provided support and referral to 750 women and girls. Protection desks are located in Humanitarian Service Points where dignity kits are distributed.
- Forty-four health facilities supported by UNFPA to provide **emergency obstetric and neonatal care**. This includes seven hospitals providing C-sections.
- Nearly 3,000 women and girls received **reproductive health services**.
- More than 2,000 people reached with **community awareness** sessions on different forms of violence
- 12 **men-to-men networks** across four districts formed in raising awareness on protection issues and for referral of cases to relevant services.
- Toll free **hotline service** continues to provide immediate counselling for GBV survivors.

IBB HUB

- 36 health facilities supported to provide **emergency obstetric and neonatal care**, including 14 hospitals to provide c-sections.
- Some 450 women and girls received **reproductive health services** in September.
- Nearly 300 women and girls received comprehensive multi-sectoral **protection services**.

SANA'A HUB

- **xxxx dignity kits distributed** to displaced households in Amanat Al Asimah.
- **18 health facilities supported** in Sana'a hub to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 4 hospitals to provide C-sections.
- Some 2,159 women and girls received comprehensive **multi-sectoral protection services**.



A CENTRE
FOR
COUNSELLING
IN ADEN

Inside the family counselling centre in Aden. ©UNFPA YEMEN

Najat, is in her late forties. This is her third visit to the family counselling centre in Aden.

"When the war broke off, we were displaced and two of my sons got mentally ill. The entire responsibility of the household fell on me. I had to go in search of work to make ends meet. It was too much pressure on me."

"I started working as a cleaner in a school. But I realized I was beginning to lose my mind. I came to this centre to get help. I attend counselling sessions and receive medicines. I feel better every time I come here. I am positive I will recover soon," tells Najat.

The Family Counselling Centre in Aden was established two months ago by UNFPA with the support from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and United Arab Emirates, to address the psychosocial needs of women and girls in Aden, particularly following the influx of internally displaced persons from Hodeidah.

ADEN HUB

- **1,513 dignity kits** distributed as part of the Rapid Response for those displaced from Al Hudaydah.
- **27 health facilities supported** to provide emergency obstetric and neonatal care, including 7 hospitals providing C-sections.
- More than 5,500 women and girls received **reproductive health services**.
- More than 300 women and girls received comprehensive multi-sectoral **protection services**.

PEOPLE REACHED	NO.
No. of people reached with reproductive health services	256,578
No. of people reached with Reproductive health kits	175,664
No. of people reached through mobile clinics	42,432
Individuals reached with Family Planning services	67,860
Dignity kits distributed	107,133
No. of women & girls reached with protection services	152,819
No. of health facilities supported with emergency obstetric care	158
Number of safe spaces supported	8



"I was not ready to lose my child," pregnant women in and around Hodeidah, are in dire need of maternal health care.

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KEY CHALLENGES

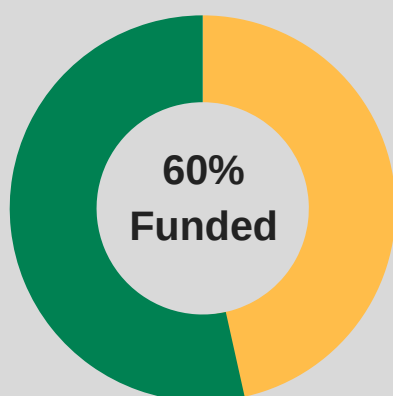
- Lack of humanitarian access to conflict-affected areas.
- Damaged or non-operating health structures. Two thirds of the facilities do not provide any healthcare services.
- Lack of national resources for the provision of basic social services.
- Lack of health workers in severely conflict-affected areas.
- Difficulties in obtaining life-saving medical supplies into Yemen due to air and sea blockades.
- Increasing difficulties for implementing partners to obtain clearances to operate in some conflict-affected areas.

2018 HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE PLAN FUNDING STATUS

\$44.5 M
REQUIRED

\$27M
FUNDED

17.5M
FUNDING GAP



2018 Donors (alphabetical order): Canada, European Union Humanitarian Aid, Friends of UNFPA, Kuwait, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, OCHA (Saudi Arabia & United Arab Emirates), Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Yemen Humanitarian Pooled Fund